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NEWS RELEASE

Redistricting Panel Adopts Draft Legislative Map

TUCSON (Oct. 10, 2011) – The members of Arizona’s Independent Redistricting Commission voted 4-1 today to adopt a draft legislative-district map.

The draft has been posted to azredistricting.org. It is the result of collaboration between commissioners Scott Freeman (R-Maricopa County) and Linda McNulty (D-Pima County), who merged their earlier, individual efforts into the 30 districts proposed today.

“They both rose to the occasion in a huge way,” said Chairwoman Colleen Mathis (I-Pima County). “Now people have something they can evaluate,” Mathis added, pointing out that Arizonans will be able to tell the commissioners specifically what they like and dislike.

The legislative-district draft map adopted today, along with a congressional-district draft map the commission adopted Monday, Oct. 3, will be the subject of 26 public hearings around the state over 22 days – beginning Tuesday, Oct. 11, in Phoenix and concluding Saturday, Nov. 5, in Green Valley, Ariz. A hearing schedule also is available at azredistricting.org.

Commissioners Mathis, Freeman, McNulty and José Herrera (D-Maricopa County) voted in favor of adopting the draft legislative-district map. Commissioner Richard Stertz (R-Pima County) dissented.

The commission has canceled the meeting it had scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 11, in Tucson. The public hearing scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday at Phoenix College will proceed as scheduled.

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